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Monroe County Historic Preservation Commission MINUTES

Monday, July 1, 2013 2:00

Tavernier Fire House, 151 Marine Ave., Tavernier



Call to Order.

Alice Allen called the workshop to order.

Roll Call.

Alice Allen, Chair

Ray Rhash

Bert Bender, absent

Donna Bosold, absent

Jim Clupper, absent

Staff present: Rey Ortiz, County Planner

Steve Williams, County Attorney

Diane Silvia, Preservationist

As there was not a quorum, the regular meeting was cancelled. Andrew Tobin asked to be put back on the September 9th agenda.

Discussion- Workshop Item: possible revisions to Article III. Archaeological, Historical or Cultural Landmarks, Municode.

Alice Allen said I was not at the last meeting but did read the minutes. Diane you said there were inconsistencies in Sec. 134-53 and 134-57.

Diane Silvia noted the inconsistencies are in the language of the ordinance. Under 134-53 (2) it refers to only designated historic properties. It should include "any property located within the Tavernier Historic District Overlay." In the following part of that section it refers to historic public property. This should include "located in Monroe County."

In Sec. 134-57 (b) it states "A regular certificate shall be issued for any work that will, to the satisfaction of the planning director, not change the appearance of the building, structure, or object. The owner of a designated historic property who desires a regular certificate of appropriateness shall file an application with the planning department,"

Ms. Silvia suggested changing this to "A regular certificate shall be issued for any work that will, to the satisfaction of the planning director, clearly follows the design guidelines and will not negatively change the appearance of a building, structure, object, or neighborhood. The owner of any property within the Tavernier Historic District Overlay who desires a regular certificate of appropriateness shall file an application with the planning department,"

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Under (c) it states “a special certificate of appropriateness shall be required prior to the issuance of a building permit and shall be issued for any work involving the substantial improvement, relocation, or new construction that will result in a change to the original appearance of a designated historic property. The owner of a designated historic property who desires a special certificate...”

Ms. Silvia suggested changing this to “a special certificate of appropriateness shall be required prior to the issuance of a building permit for any work involving substantial improvement, relocation, or new construction that will result in a change to the original appearance of a designated historic property or to the character of the neighborhood. The owner of any property located within the Tavernier Historic District Overlay who desires a special certificate...”

Alice Allen said that is very subjective. I understand the issue with having to hold a meeting for minor items. For example, with roofs and fences, do we need to go back to the guidelines to address these things and make them more explicit.

Ms. Silvia said the ordinance would still have to be changed as right now it states “any change” must be reviewed.

Steve Williams said with this in the ordinance it takes away your flexibility. The ordinance would have to be changed regardless of whether changes were made in the guidelines.

Public Input: Alice introduced Jill Patterson. Ms. Patterson explained she was one of the developers of Old Settlers Park. It is a passive park. The Albury Family home originally located here was moved to Lower Matecumbe. The existing pavilion at the park is located on the original Albury Family house site. Signage is needed to designate this significant site. Signage was planned for this site 10 years ago. Alice has a lot more history on this.

Ms. Allen said signage was intended from the beginning. This is county property so this will be a county process. She asked Rey for his input.

Rey Ortiz said we would need a resolution by the Historic Preservation Commission so he could bring it forward. It would then go to the County Commission.

Ms. Allen said there is no question about the historic significance of the site. The historic house in Lower Matecumbe is still in pristine condition. We can bring the signage forward at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Silvia